## **REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the specification to update the priority claim in the Cross-Reference to Related Applications and to specify Government Rights. Applicants believe that the amendments introduce no new matter.

In addition, Applicants have amended the Abstract to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.72(b). Applicants believe that the amendment introduces no new matter.

Claims 1-27 were originally filed in USSN 09/410,717. Applicants herein cancel without prejudice claims 21-27. As a result, claims 1-20 will be pending after entry of this Amendment.

Date: December 22, 2003 Reg. No. 43,526

Tel. No.: (617) 248-7476 Fax No.: (617) 248-7100

Jennifer A. Camacho Attorney for Applicants

Respectfully submitted,

Testa, Hurwitz, & Thibeault, LLP

High Street Tower 125 High Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02110

2729027 1